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PASS TO U.S. DEL SALZBURG
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SUBJECT: CSCE: EC-9 MINISTERIAL DECISION ON NEGOTIATING
STRATEGY

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THEIR JUNE 10-11 MEETING IN BONN,
THE EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED "TO PERSEVERE IN THE
(CSCE) NEGOTIATIONS, ACCEPTING THE RETURN TO THE
WORK OF THE SECOND PHASE AFTER THE SUMMER PAUSE." THE
NINE RESISTED, FOR THE TIME BEING, THE POSSIBILITY OF
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THREATS TO ADJOURN OR PACK UP THE CONFERENCE .

THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL EMB TRANSLATION OF FRENCH
LANGUAGE PASSAGES FROM EC-9 DECISION SHEET CONCERNING
CSCE NEGOTIATING STRATEGY. END SUMMARY

1. BEGIN TEXT:

GENERAL STRATEGY OF THE NINE.

...THE SOVIET ATTITUDE HAS LEAD TO A QUASI TOTAL STAGNA-
TION OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTORS
AND IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE DIFFICULT (TO IMAGINE) THAT
THE RANGE OF THESE QUESTIONS COULD BE REGULATED IN A
SATISFACTORY MANNER IN A PERIOD OF A FEW WEEKS.

2. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE NINE WOULD BE ABLE TO
CONTINUE BY:

(A) INSISTING ON THE COMPLETION OF THE DISCUSSION ON
THE ENSEMBLE OF THEIR (EC-9 PROPOSALS BEFORE PASSING TO
ASPECTS TOUCHING ON THE GLOBALITY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS;

(B) MAKE THE SOVIETS UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE ALREADY
MADE AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL GESTURE (INVOLABILITY)
WHICH JUSTIFIES US IN WAITING FOR A COUNTERPART (GESTURE)
OF THE SAME SCOPE;

(C) UNDERLINE THAT THEY (EC-9) ARE NOT DISPOSED TO MOVE
TO THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE BEFORE HAVING
OBTAINED SATISFACTORY RESULTS;

(D) MAKE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL DISCUSSION ON THE DATE
AND THE LEVEL OF THE THIRD PHASE AND ALL NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE FOLLOW UP ARE IN VAIN AS LONG AS SUCH RESULTS
WILL NOT BE VISIBLE.

3. THUS, THE QUESTION IS POSED AS TO WHICH OF THE
FOLLOWING OPTIONS SHOULD BE UTILIZED:

(A) PERSEVERE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, ACCEPTING THE
RETURN TO THE WORK OF THE SECOND PHASE AFTER THE
SUMMER PAUSE;

(B) CONTINUE THE WORK UNTIL MID-JULY, BUT MAKE KNOWN
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IN ADVANCE IF THE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN
MADE THE OBJECT OF A CONSENSUS BY THAT DATE, THAT IT
WOULD BE NECESSARY TO INTERRUPT THE WORK EVEN FOR A
RELATIVELY LONG PERIOD.

4. IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, IT WOULD APPEAR DIFFICULT TO FAVOR A HALT
OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE GROUNDS OF

LACK OF PROGRESS.

END TEXT

5. COMMENT: AUTHORITATIVE FONOFF OFFICIAL HAS TOLD
EMBOFF THAT EC-9 STANCE "OF UNLIMITED PATIENCE" WILL BE
MAINTAINED FOR THE PRESENT BUT THAT A SUBSEQUENT POLICY
CORRESPONDING TO ALTERNATIVE (B) IN PARA 3 ABOVE CANNOT
BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FUTURE. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE
FOLLOWING EC-9 MINISTERIAL, A FINNISH CORRESPONDENT
INQUIRED CONCERNING POSSIBLE TIMING OF THE THIRD STAGE
OF THE CONFERENCE. GENSCHER REPLIED SIMPLY: "WE ARE
INTERESTED ONLY IN THE QUALITY" OF THE RESULTS.
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